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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJ: BORDER DISPUTE: POTENTIAL FOR INCIDENTS

1. EMBASSY HAS LEARNED THE OAS OBSERVER TEAM IS CONCERNED OVER THE POTENTIAL FOR INCIDENTS IN "DOLORES" POCKET. PROBLEMS ARE FORESEEN BECAUSE SALVADORAN GROUPS FROM OUTSIDE POCKET ARE ENTERING AREA TO CUT WOOD, WHICH IS PROHIBITED UNDER OAS AGREEMENT. OAS FEARS HONDURAN PATROLS WHICH APPARENTLY HAVE ENTERED AREA IN ATTEMPT TO STOP THIS ACTIVITY (AND ALSO IN VIOLATION AGREEMENT) COULD TRIGGER INCIDENT, EITHER WITH CAMPESINOS OR SALVADORAN PATROLS. USUALLY MORE ACTIVE "SABANETAS" POCKET, HOWEVER, SEEMS QUIET.

2. AN INCIDENT NOW WOULD BE ESPECIALLY UNFORTUNATE GIVEN THE VISIT PLANNED TO BOTH HONDURAS AND SALVADOR IN LATE AUGUST BY THE MEDIATOR. THE OAS IS ATTEMPTING TO ARRANGE A MEETING OF REGIONAL COMMANDERS FROM BOTH SIDES OF THE BORDER TO RESOLVE PROBLEM.

3. COMMENT: NEITHER HONDURAS, NOR PRESUMABLY EL SALVADOR ALSO, WOULD WELCOME AN INCIDENT AT THIS POINT BECAUSE OF MORE PRESSING INTERNAL PROBLEMS. OAS DEMARCHES TO THE GENERAL STAFF SOMETIMES DON'T WORK THEIR WAY DOWN TO LOCAL LEVEL. THE OAS HOPES A REGIONAL COMMANDERS WILL BE ABLE TO HEAD OFF ANY PRO-
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BLEMS, IF A MEETING CAN BE ARRANGED.
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